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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re The Application of: )  
William P. Acker et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/718,148 )  
Filed: November 21, 2000 )  
For: FUEL CELL SYSTEM )  
WITH ACTIVE METHA- )  
NOL CONCENTRATION )  
CONTROL )

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**AMENDMENT**

A final Office Action in the above-identified application was mailed on May 21, 2003. An Amendment dated July 17, 2003, was filed in response to the final Office Action. An Advisory Action was issued on July 31, 2003 indicating that new issues were raised in the July 17, 2003 Amendment. The present Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), including an Petition for Extension of Time by one month, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The present Amendment replaces the July 17, 2003 Amendment. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: